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RE:

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Federal Communications Commisson 445 Twelfth Street SW Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

I am writing to protest the proposed cut to the Video Relay Service(VRS). As an employer of several deaf individuals, I see the importance of this very vital service. This is a critical means of communication for these individuals.

Instead of drastically cutting the VRS rate, and thereby cutting VRS availability for the deaf, the FCC should be doing everything in their power to make this service available to more people.

Our deaf community uses the VRS daily. Not only do they communicate with other deaf individuals, they use this to communicate with hearing people also. I urge you to do everything you can to make the VRS available to the many deaf people who currently do not have access to this vital, life-changing service.

Please stop any VRS program cuts and fulfill the mandate of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to provide deaf people with functionally equivalent telecommunications service.

Respectfully requested,

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